PRICE TWO CENTS.

AN ARMY OF NEARLY 600,000

BRITISH PLAN FOR BIG INCREASES AND REFORMS.

Announced in Parliament and Received With Favor-This Large Force Declared Necessary for the Land Detence of the Empire-Standard of the Militia to Be Raised-Compulsory Service Measures Not Considered by the Government. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 12.-All but conscription, and fixed at nine pence per pound. that also, if other means fall, is Great Britain's new military policy as announced in Parliament to-day. An army, which will number little short of 600,000 men, rearmed with the most modern weapons, including a huge Government declares is necessary for the land

defence of the empire. Such is one startling sequel to the proclamation of peace in which all the nations joined a few short months ago at The Hague. There will be few in England to say the Government nay. Englishmen, as a whole, will applaud the Ministers' decision as only prudent, and they will meet the enormous expense of this call to arms sadly, but resignedly. The century will end with the military burdens resting on the Old World so great that none can conjecture the next move in the gigantic game of arma-

The Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, announced the plan in the House of Lords. He said it was intended to increase the infantry by twelve battalions in addition to the three new battalions that were decided on a year ago. He said the Government had already increased the artillery by sixteen batteries, but were convinced that a much larger increase was necessary. At present there was sufficient field artillery remaining in Great Britain for one army corps. The Government proposed now to raise enough additional artillery for two more army corps and also intended to increase the engineer battalions and the Army Service Corps. While insisting on a nucleus of regulars for the home army, the Government, he said, must depend on auxiliaries for the bulk of the work

In the House of Commons Mr. George Wyndham, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for War, made a detailed statement in reference to the supplementary army estimates. He said that the despatch of an expedition of unparalleled magnitude over the sea. which hitherto had failed to achieve the object for which it was sent, had reduced the forces available for home defence to an altogether inadequate level. It was necessary to remedy this, he said, but the Government did not in-

tend to take this action in any spirit of panic. The Government, Mr. Wyndham stated, had been urged to take measures providing for modified compulsory military service, but it had no intention of doing so. [Cheers.] Owing to the vast amount of volunteering in all parts of the Empire, the Government would not even consider any proposal looking to compulsory military service until a further attempt had been made to develop and organize the auxil-

tary forces. Mr. Wyndham declared that the Government's opportunity of availing itself of the services of auxiliaries was unique. Despite the large force in South Africa there remained in Great Britain on Feb. 1, 109,000 regulars, 97,500 militia, 9,000 yeomanry and 222,000 volunteers. Recruiting, he said, was never more active and no fewer than 10,000 men were enrolled in the auxiliary forces in January. The full auxiliary establishment at which the Government aimed was 405,000

The Government, Mr. Wyndham said, proposed to increase the pay of the militia, to give ater facilities for rifle practice and to pro-

vide complete regimental transport The Government proposed to arm the volunintended to invite the men to serve one month every year under canvas. The Government

army proposals on the whole with satisfaction, and where there is dissatisfaction it is because too little rather than too much is contemplated. Thus the Daily News (Liberal) regards the Government's plans as marked chiefly by moderation and says it does not believe that the proposed permanent increase of the regular regardly being the country to endanger. army proposals on the whole with satisfaction, army will be held by the country to endanger everting it into a military kingdom. It concludes its comments by appealing to the patri otism of the people to insure the success of the scheme.

The Standard (Conservative) calls the proposals emergency measures that are intended mainly to tide over the present difficulties. It hopes they will lay the foundation for reforms of a permanent character. It urges the Government to strain every nerve and to tax its resources to the utmost to replace the obsolete artillery with which the volunteers have so long been mocked.

The Chronicle (Liberal) generally approves the Government's proposals. It thinks the net result ought to be a large addition to the available forces, with increased efficiency,

The Telegraph says the country will be satisfled with the broad principle on which the scheme is based.

The Daily Mail is dissatisfied with the make-shift nature of the scheme. It says there is no radical reform, no attempt to build a sound scheme of military defence, nothing to demonstrate to Krüger and Great Britian's Continental enemies that she is in deadly earnest. A great deal of the criticism in the House of Commons is directed at the absence of expla-nation as to how the cost of the permanent increase is to be met. Mr. Wyndham did not deal with this question in the House of Commons, and the Marquis of Lansdowne did not clear up the matter in the House of Lords. The course, be met by the supplementary estimate of £13,000,000, announced in the House last Friday, and any such emergency money will be given unhesitatingly, but the most far-seeing already predict a storm of protest against a permanent addition to the military budget.

BULLER'S REPORT OF FAILURE,

Says That He Found It Impracticable to Hold Vaal Krantz.

London, Feb. 12.-Field Marshal Lord Roberts cables to the War Office from Modder River, under date of Feb. 11, as follows:

"Received the following from Gen Buller on Feb. 9: 'It was necessary after selving Vant Krantz to intrench it as a pivot for further operations, but I found after trying for two
days that this was ingrecticable. It was also exposed to the fire of heavy guns fired from a position by which our artillery was domi-

"It is essential to troops advancing to Ladysmith by Harding and Mongers Drift to hold Vani Krantz securely. Accordingly we are not tressing an advance on those roads, as I find we cannot make it (Van! Krantz) secure."

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KIMBERLEY UNDER HEAVY FIRE. Town Suffers Also From Shortage of Food -Skirmishing at Rensburg.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 13.-Kimberley is suffering omewhat severely from the bombardment which is damaging the residential parts of the town more than hitherto. The inhabitants are probably now severely pinched for supplies.

Cape Town papers of date of Jan. 1. which have arrived here, report that the canned meat in Kimberley was then nearly consumed.
Three-fourths of the available meat was horseflesh, the price of which the authorities had During December the death rate rose to 60

per 1,000 and of the blacks to 138 per 1,000 as empared with 21.7 per 1,000 among the whites and 53.6 among the blacks in 1898. The infantile death rate reached the extraordinary increase in artillery, is the force which the height of 671.1 among the whites and 912.7 among the blacks.

Gen. Lord Roberts has sanctioned certain new press regulations, which, according to the Standard's Modder River correspondent, will allow mailed communications to pass unchecked. Telegrams only will be consored. The correspondent adds significantly: "During the next few days, however, very little news will be permitted to go through.' There is nothing from the Natal side except Gen. Buller's explanation of his withdrawal

from Vaal Krantz. Skirmishing is reported from Rensburg, with small losses on either side, but there has been no forward movement.

MRS. DOVETON GOES TO LADYSMITH. Passes Through the Boer Lines to Join Her Husband Who Is Ill.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN PIETERMARITZBURG, Natal, Feb. 12, 9:45 A. M .- News was received here yesterday that Major Doveton is seriously ill at Ladysmith. Gen. White, commander of the British forces at Ladysmith, obtained permission from Gen. Joubert, the Boer commander-in-chief, for Mrs. Doveton to join her husband. She left here last night and is passing through the Boer lines

COL. SHEPARD'S SUSPENSION.

Trustees of the Soldiers' Home Hope to Make ALBANY, Feb. 12.-Gen. John Palmer of this city, who is President of the Board of Trustees of the State Soldiers' Home at Bath, said tonight that the trustees would meet next Tuesday to take testimony upon the charges of incompetency preferred against Col. Charles O. Shepard, commandent of the home. Upon the successful establishment of these charges the trustees hope legally to make Col. Shepard's suspension as Com-mandant permanent under the Veteran law, it is expected that a decision can be reached by the Board of Trustees before the end of the

Cov. Roosevelt said to day that he had re-eived a reply to his letter sent to Eugene A. hilbin, chairman of the committee of the tage Board of Charities, which is investi-State Board of Charities, which is investigating the charges against the management of the Home. The Governor wrote Mr. Philbin that he greatly desired that he should press forward the investigation with all diligence, so that he could report the results by March I, by which time the Governor will have to said in his nominations of members of the Board of Trustees of the Home if he hopes to have them confirmed by the Senate this year. Mr. Philbin replied that he would do us the Governor desired, and if the investigation was prolonged would put in a preliminary report covering the conclusions arrived at by the committee up to March I. The investigation is to be resumed at the office of the State Board of Charities here to-morrow.

TROUBLE AHEAD FOR COL. BRYAN North Carolina Democrats Object to His

Association With Senator Butler. RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 12.-Two days ago the Raleigh was hailed with enthusiasm by Democrats. To-night that enthusiasm has changed over the refractory clergy. The members of teers with the most modern weapons and to to indignation because of the announcement exact a higher standard of efficiency. It also that Senator Butler is to accompany the Nebraskan.

every year under canvas. The Government also intended to provide for a permanent increase in the regular artillery by thirty-six batteries of field guns and seven batteries of horse artillery.

In regard to the increase in the infantry branch Mr. Wyndham repeated the statement made by the Secretary of State for War in the House of Lords.

London, Feb. 13.—The press views the new army proposals on the whole with satisfaction. Mr. Butler is the Populist Senator from this

nize Senator Butler if he comes

GOV. TANNER WINS.

Senator Cullom's Followers Bolt a Republican Convention in Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12.-Gov. John R. Tanner won to-day in the Republican Convention of Sangamon county defeating Senator Snelby M. Cullom in his home county. After the Tanner people had rejected a proposition for a compromise, Cullom's followers bolted and held a convention of their own in the Chatterton Opera House. This action was taken with the hope that the State Convention will be controlled by Cullom men who will seat the controlled by Cullom men who will seat the contesting Cullom delegation from Sangamon county after ousting the Tanner delegation chosen at to-day's regular convention.

After the Cullom bolters had left the convention hall, ninety-five regularly elected delegates responded to their names when the roll was called. Of this number ninety-three voted with Tanner and two voted for Cullom. Thus it was shown that Tanner had a majority of the convention even after the split, ninety-two being a majority under the regular call for the convention of 183 delegates.

TAX ON BROKERS IN TEXTS.

A Proposed Law That Will Close Every Cotton Exchange in the State. Austin, Tex., Feb. 12.-The Texas House of Representatives to-day adopted an amendment to the Occupation Tax bill placing a State tax of \$5,000 a year on any telegraph, telephone or railroad company or other corporation which shall use or permit to be used its lines or wires for conveying market quotations for brokeringe business. An annual State tax of \$5,000 is also placed on all brokeringe firms doing business in the State. This tax will have the effect of closing upevery cotton exchange and brokeringe house in the State. That is the object of the amendment.

COUCHEE-COUCHIE STOPPED.

Lights Turned Out by the Police and 1,000 Persons Sent Home.

Hearing that the Madison Bieyele Club was to have a conchee-conchee dance at Zelbnor's Morris Park Hall in 170th street last night, Capt. Wiegend and thirty police in an eane into the place just as Tillie Curtin began to dance. He drove her off the stage, tury et off the lights

THE GATE CITY IN PERIL.

Life Savers Sent to Take Off the Remainder of Her Crew.

FIRE ISLAND, Feb. 12.-At midnight the lifesaving crew of Forge River were called away to take the remainder of the crew off the steamer Gate City. She is pounding very heavily and there is a high sea running.

Deerfoot Farm Sausages. With increasing knowledge of the dangert health through carelessly prepared food, consumers grow more and more fastidious in their selection, "Deerfoot" means purity, daintiness and cleanliness. ROBERTS EXPECTS TO WIN.

BUT TELLS THE HIGHLANDERS THE ADVANCE WILL NOT BE EAST.

Preparing, It Is Believed, to March on Bloemfontein - Kimberley Under a Heavy Boer Bombardment and Suffering From Shortage of Food-Twelve Hundred Whites Leave Barkly West Because of Looting by the Dutch.

Special Cuble Despatches to THE SUN. From THE SUN'S Correspondent with Gen. Methuen's

Forces. MODDER RIVER, Feb. 10 .- 4 P. M.-Gen. Lord Roberts visited the camp of the High-landers this morning and made a brief speech to each battallon. He recalled their association with him in India, and declared that they had helped to make him what he is. He added that he had never made a campaign without Highlanders and would not be without them. He was glad that Gen. Macdonald reported well of them. He referred to an arduous march the Seaforth Highlanders had made with him and added that the brigade would have a shorter march now. Though it would not be a walkover he did not have the slightest doubt of its success.

The brigade gave three cheers for the Comnander-in-Chief and another three for Lady Roberts. In response to the cheering for the latter, Lord Roberts said that Lady Roberts was, perhaps, doing better work for them at nome in helping the welfare of their wives and

children. The British buried fourteen Boers yesterday who were killed in the fighting at Koodoesberg. The expedition to that place prevented a projected Boer attack upon the British communications between here and Enslin.

MODDER RIVER, Feb. 11 .- Twelve hundred whites, who are loyal to the British, have left Barkly West, Cape Colony, owing to the destruction of their property by the Colonial Dutch residents. The Boers had made no attack on them. Gen. Roberts has promised the press corre-

spondents here that they will have complete freedom of action in sending their reports. LONDON, Feb. 12.-The War Office issued a short list of casualties this morning. It shows that ten Highlanders were wounded in the fighting at Koodoesberg on Feb. 10. At Rensburg on Feb. 9 one Australian was killed and five others were wounded. Six Tasmanians

are missing. REICHSTAG DISCUSSES SAMOA. President of Pan-German Union Regrets the Cession of Tutuila to Us.

Special Cubic Despatch to THE SIN. BERLIN, Feb. 12.- The Reichstag to-day agreed to the first and second reading of the agreement between Germany, England and the United States in reference to the partition of Samos

During the debate Count von Buelow, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, stated that the United States had thrown no difficulties in the way of an agreement and the German and American Commissioners had worked together harmoniously. He added that the acquisition of Samoan territory would be of great material value to German commerce.

Herr Hasse, the President of the Pan-German Union, also spoke. Among other things be said that he regretted the cession of the island of Tutuila to the United States.

FRENCH CABINET GETS A EIG VOTE. Its Campaign Against the Clergymen Sustained by the Deputies.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PARTS, Feb. 12.-In the Chamber of Deputies Rousseau intr a till giving the Government additional powers the Left applauded the introduction of this measure and withdrew an interpellation that had been made on the subject by the Leftists. Thereupon, M. Paul de Cassagnac renewed the interpeliation and moved that it be adopted, but on a vote the Government secured nearly one hundred majority. In spite of this strong vote it is believed that the Government has embarked on a dangerous policy in attacking the

clergy. Premier Waldeck-Rousseau's bill, which is nimed at church dignitaries who insult members of the Cabinet, provides that the offenders may be imprisoned for terms of from three

QUEEN MAY GO TO SAN REMO. Her Health Said to Have Been Affected by the British Reverses.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS Paris, Feb. 12.-The latest French theory in regard to the visit to San Remo, Italy, of the Rt. Hon. Sir F. J. Monson, the British Ambassador to France, is that it was owing to the present condition of the Queen's health. It is anid that her Majesty is suffering from depres-Sinister reports were in circulation that the anarchists would attempt to assassinate the Queen and for that reason Mr. Monson went personally to find out whether it would be safe for her Majesty to make the trip.

CHINESE EMPEROR'S RECEPTION. Legations Notified That Kwangsu Will Receive as Usual on Feb. 19.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN PEKIN. Feb. 12.-The Tsung-li-Yamen has notified the various legations here that the Emperor Kwangsu will hold the usual diplomatic reception on Feb. 19. This is interpreted as a manifestation of a desire to produce a re-assuring effect after the recent reports con-cerning the forced abdication of the Emperor and the appointment of his successor by the Empress Dowager.

Ex-Empress Eugenie's Illness. Special Cable Despatch to THE BUN. Paris, Feb. 12.-The ex-Empress Eugénie seriously ill at the Continental Hotel in this

OPERA TICKETS STOLEN.

Williams Had Six Season Books and Was Peddling Them to Servants. Clinton Williams, a negro butler employed by Mrs. Sarah J. Sawyer of 153 Madison ave-nue, was arrested last night for stealing six season books of opera tickets from his emer. He was peddling the tickets to servants

Mrs. Palmer's Nomination Confirmed Without a Reference.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 .- The Senate in executive session, as a courtesy to her sex, confirmed the nomination of Mrs. Potter Palmer, without the formality of reference to the Compitee on International Exposions, to which the other nominations were sent.

Arrested While Trying to Cash a Forged

arrested here to-day while trying to cash a check to which Mayor Conrad Diehl's name had been forged. He came here yesterday and caused the announcement to be made that he was making a search for aweak-minded brother, for whose recovery he offered a reward of \$500. He says he is a son of Dr. William Folk of 7 East Thirty-sixth street, New York city, and nephew of Mrs. Siayton of 7 Hamilton avenue, Stapleton, Staten Island.

21 Hours and 30 Minutes to Cincinnati via Pennsylvania Railroad. Over an hour shorter than via any other route.

SAYS SHE SAW GOEBEL SHOT. Mrs. Saffel Sure That the Bullets Were Not

Fired From the Executive Building. LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 12.-Mrs. Amelia Browder Saffel, widow of Will S. Saffel, Jr. who keeps a boarding house in Frankfort, on Broadway near the Capitol Square, said tonight that she witnessed the shooting of Senator William Goebel in the State House yard on the morning of Jan. 30. She had been asked by Col. Roger D. Williams of the Second Regiment, Kentucky State Guard, to furnish board for several officers of his regiment who were coming to Frankfort. She had started to go to his office to tell him what she would do in the matter.

Immediately after entering the enclosure she was passed by Senator Goebel, who tipped his hat to her. He turned to the right of the fountain while she turned toward the left. | for the remainder of the session. Just as Mr. Goebel was about opposite the fountain she says she saw a man who was walking a short distance behind him pull a pistol and shoot him in the left side. He handled the revolver with his left hand and the report was followed by a small amount of thin, white smoke. She saw the man run to the State House, enter the building and then come out and go to the wounded man. She says Eph Lillard, whom she knows, entered the State House a few moments before the man who did the shooting reached the steps. She did not know the man who fired the shot but has given a good description of him to Gov. Taylor, who has also a full written statement from her, as well as one from a commercial traveller and another woman who saw the occurrence.

The commercial traveller does not live in Frankfort but goes there once a week, while the other woman is a resident of the capital. In commenting on the shooting Mrs. Saffel Said:

"I know the shot which followed William." a pistol and shoot him in the left side.

In commenting on the shooting sits, said:

"I know the shot which followed William Goebel was not fired from the Executive Building. It was fired by a man who stood on his left side. I have steadily refused to tell this to any newspaper man, as Gov. Taylor and other lawyers say I ought not to tell it at this time.

time.
"My statement is fully corroborated by the two other witnesses, and as Gov. Taylor has all three of them in his possession he knows just what we know. He says he will use these statements at the proper time. I am afraid my telling what I know about the shooting of Mr. Goebel will get me into all kirds of trouble. At the time Gov. Taylor thinks proper I shall tell all about the killing of Goebel. In the meantime you can say that the shot which killed him was not fired from the Executive Building."

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Mrs. Saffel mails similar statements to Representative E. H. Read of Alien county and to Lieut. Ward of the Second Regiment. She relievated these statements in the presence of Representative Reed and Sergeaut-at-Arms pro tem. F. M. Cecil to-night. Mrs. Saffel's statements and those of the two other witnesses are regarded by Gov. Taylor and the higher officers of the militia as truthful and the whole matter will be brought out within the next few days.

THOY HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS STRIKE. Parade the Streets With Flags and Refuse

to Enter School on Lincoln's Birthday. TROY, Feb. 12.-At a recent meeting of the all of the pupils, about two hundred and fifty in number, assembled in front of the building and. after a short conference, it was decided to sterik fuse to attend the school. The puptls went to a store near by, secured American flags, selected leader, and paraded about the principal streets, shouting their denunciations of the School for a time they assembled in front of the City steps and delivered an address. He said:

"We have assembled here to protest against land but ours is closed to-day, and we are here to enter our solemn protest against the out-ruge. We believe in liberty and object to hav-

rage. We believe in liberty and object to having our legal rights taken away by an arbitray school board. [Cheers] At this time it is proper that we pass a resolution condemning in the most unmeasured terms the action of the School Board."

The resolution was adopted amid great shouting and the waving of flags. While this was going on the teachers of the school were at the windows and encouraged the pupils in their demonstration. It was observed that no flag was flying from the staff over the City Hall, so the boys mounted the fountains in front of the building and decorated the fountains with flags, while the great crowd that had assembled shouled approval. Another consultation was held by the students and they passed more resolutions condemning the School Board. Then, with waving of flags and more shouts, they left the scene and went home.

UNDER THE NAVY'S CONTROL. The Islands of Guam and Tutuila so Placed

by the President's Order. Washington, Feb. 12.—The President has is-sued an executive order placing under the administration of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, the governmental affairs of the islands of Guam and Tutuila, and the care of the naval stations of Cavité, Honolulu, Havana and San sion caused by the British reverses in South Juan. Assistant Secretary Allen will, by the Airica and it was thought that a trip to a terms of the order, be charged with the duty of supervising the business of any other islands or stations outside the limits of the United States continent which may be placed in the care of naval officers. With the consent and, it is understood, at the suggestion of Secretary Long. Assistant Secretary Allen will have the sole conduct of the affairs of the islands and stations in all matters which do not require the determination of the President. The action of the President is regarded in naval circles as a great bonor to the administrative ability of Mr. Allen.

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An order taking over Tutuiin and the smaller adjacent islands to the Samoan group to the United States has been signed by the President, but the new Governor, who will be a naval officer, has not been selected and will not be until certain information as to the status of the Samoan partition treaty has been received by the Navy Department from the State Pepartment. Secretary Long is very favorably disposed to Commander Seaton Schroeder for the Governorship and does not hesitate to say so, but the ultimate selection will be left with Assistant Secretary Allen, who has not made up his mind in the matter, although it appears to be certain that he will designate Commander Schroeder if the latter expresses a desire to go. The Navy Department will not send to sampa any officer to whom the post of Governor of Tutulia would not be agreed the A great many naval officers are familiar with the life and conditions at Pago-Pago, where the capital of the new American possession will be located, so that none of these could matly complain if he should, after being amonimed on his own application, fluid that Pago-Pago is not the most desirable residence in Uncle Sam's outlying territory. Sam's outlying territory.

SHOT HER SON.

Agae Had Beaten His Sister and Her Hus-band and Tried to Kill His Mother.

Youngstown, Ohio, Feb. 12.-At the vil-age of Hubbard last night a mother fired several bullets into the body of her son, inflicting what it is believed will prove mortal wounds. While drunk, Elmer Agae became involved in a quarrel with entrol it. his sister and knocked her down and also her husband. David Long. Running into the vard the voung man met his mother. Mrs. Aldrich. Marriage. Check.

BUFFALO, Feb. 12.-William Polk, Jr., was presented here to-day while trying to cash a turning upon his mother, he said: "I'm going to the bride, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Thorn, accompanied by the partition of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Swits-Conte. To real to kill you." at the same time knocking her | through Utica at 12:17 this afternoon and will

down.

The mother, believing he meant to carry out list threat, drew a revolver and as she lay on the ground, first at him. She first two shots, holding the weapon in her right hand, and when her son attempted to wrest it from her is threat, drew a revolver and as she lay on the ground, fired at him. She fired two shots, holding the weapon in her right hand, and when her son attempted to wrest it from her she shifted it to her left hand and fired twice more.

Agae fell to the ground and was held by people attracted to the scene by the reports of the shots. The marshal placed Agae under arrest. Later Mrs. Aldrich was arrested also.

TO CAUCUS ON THE TREATY SENATE REPUBLICANS AT SEA ON

THIS IMPORTANT QUATION. An Effort to Be Made to At ange to nious Action-A Steerin Com ttee to Be Appointed to Prepare amme of Legislation for the Re WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 -A caucus of the Re-

publican Senators will be held on Wednesday. primarily for the purpose of arranging for harnonlous action with regard to the pending Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty, and, secondarily to appoint a steering committee, whose duty it shall be to prepare a programme of legislation Things are all at sixes and sevens at present.

and just as the Republican leaders thought they saw their way clear to disposing of important matters by practically upanimous action. along came the Administration's treaty. taking them all by surprise and adding serious perplexities to the problem before them. As has more than once been stated in THE SUN'S despatches, it is a fact that a majority of the Senate are willing to accept the canal treaty just as it stands and ratifying it without considering the consequences. It is equally true that a large number of Senators, including some of the ablest of both sides of the chamber, now think, after a week's reflection, that it would be a very serious mistake to ratify the treaty in its present shape, and the members of the Foreign Relations Committee frankly admit that the question before them is of the most serious nature and requires the most careful thought.

The sub-committee, consisting of Senators Davis, Lodge and Morgan, have had more than one meeting, but have proceeded no further than to listen to a carefully prepared statement by Senator Morgan, giving his views as to the effect of the treaty on the construction and ownership of the Nicaraguan Canal. This statement is, of course, for the confidential use of the committee, but a Senator who has read it says that, while it shows a wonderful knowledge of the subject, and is the result of deep research, it nevertheless serves to show that a question is presented which is well calculated to make Senators, even those who most enthusiastically applaud the negotiation of the treaty, pause and reflect. The out-and-out opponents of the treaty give many reasons for their attitude.

Those who are in a general way favorable to It base their criticism chiefly on the point that it does not give the United States the power to close the canal to hostile warships. This is the point, too, that is chiefly dwelt upon in the flood of criticisms by the newspaper press, the published statements of men like Gov. Roosevelt and in the correspondence of Senators from School Board it was decided that the public almost every State in the Union. One Senator, a schools should not be closed to-day nor on Republican, who is exceptionally influential Washington's Birthday. The High School is among his colleagues, and who has been quoted held in the City Hall, as a new buffling is being as favorable to the treaty, said to-day that the erected. At the hour for school this morning | more he studied the subject the more he became convinced that in failing to secure for the United States absolute control of the canal at all times the State Department had overlooked all times the State Department had overlooked a most important point, and one that in his opinion and that of other Senators on both sides of the chamber robbed the Administration of what otherwise might be looked upon as what its friends are so fond of calling it. "a brilliant diplomatic triumph." This Senator said, moreover, that it is apparent now that a mistake was made in not taking the advice of Republican Senators when the treaty was being negotiated, so that favorable action of the Senate might have been sought in advance. As it is, the party in the Senate is left in a measure at sea on this all-important question, and the purpose of Wednesday's caucus and the conferences that will follow is to get together, if possible, on a programme of against the action of the School Board and re- a most important point, and one that in his President Thiebolt of the third year class as of what otherwise might be looked upon Board and proclaiming "liberty" as their said, moreover, that it is apparent now that a watchward. After marching about the streets mistake was made in not taking the advice of Hall, and President Thiebolt mounted the front being negotiated, so that favorable action of on of the greatest outrages that has over been | measure at sea on this all-important question, perpetrated upon American children. Great and the purpose of Wednesday's caucus and are simply nothing. [Cheers.] They have attempted to deprive us of two of the grentest together, if possible, on a programme of

> While it is generally admitted now that some while it is generally admitted now that some stand the serious prost if an ing on of the some standard it is necessary to supply the omission with regard to the absolute control of the scanal at all times, it is admitted that it will be most difficult to frame such an amendment, in view of the necessity of maintaining the project his were the foreign Relations Committee. Less than thirty Senators can defect ratification, and the before so, the importance of acting with extreme caution is apparent. It is not at all stream neeting on we these as and senator acting the subject of the conference, and, perhaps of a party cancus, is that contained in the sonate and House are divided as to the advisability of enacting the measure known as the Hanna-Payne Ship should be subjected in the senate and House are divided as to the advisability of enacting the measure the opposition to it from the Northwestern States being especially strong and active. The Republican Senator above quoted with reference to the status of the treaty in the senate, said to-day that it is now practically admitted on all sides that the bill cannot be passed at this session, and that it will be allowed to go over until after the proposition to it from the Northwestern States and House committee on Interest the control of the senate and the sen amendment is necessary to supply the omission with regard to the absolute control of the canal at all times, it is admitted that it will be

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COUNTY OF EDINBURGH ASHORE, Big Four-Masted Ship on the Beach at Manasquan-Taking Off the Crew.

The fron four-masted British ship County of Edinburgh, Capt. Tode, from Cape Town, Dec. 23, for New York, went ashore last night at 10 o'clock in the inlet at Manasquan, N. J. The weather was very foggy and there was a heavy sea on. The wind was from the southeast and was blowing moderately. Signals of distress were made and the Manasquan Life Saving Station, under the command of

Capt. Frank Longstreet, responded. A breeches buoy was soon rigged up and three of the crew were brought to shore before 1 o'clock this morning. The lifesavers were still at work at that hour. The ship was lying broadside across the inlet and was in no danger of breaking up unless the sea should rise The County of Edinburgh was built in Glasgow in 1885, and is 2,078 tons burden. She is owned by R. & J. Craig.

MR. QUAY TO WITHDRAW?

indications in Philadelphia That C. L.

Magee Will Succeed Him in the Senate. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.-It is pretty generally believed here that Mr. Quay is practically out of the fight for reelection to the United States Senate, and that he will soon announce his retirement from the contest. There has been a great deal of speculation as to who would be his successor, and it is thought by many that State Senator Christopher L. Magee of Pittaburg may become the junior repre-

sentative of Pennsylvania in the Senate. It is certain that Quay will have much to do with the selection of his successor and notwithstanding the fact that Magee broke away from him at the time when he most needed support, it is recalled that Magoe did not throw his strength or that of his supporters to any of the anti-Quay candidates. Quay and Magee

the anti-Quay candidates. Quay and Magee have frequently been in consultation, not directly, so far as is known, but through an intermediary. State Senator Andrews of Pittsburg, and it is probable that Quay with his usual foresight has worked out the whole plan in advance.

The attitude of Mr. Wanamaker is puzzling and to many of the anti-Quay people disappointing. Many of them have urged him to make public a letter withdrawing his name from consideration as candidate for the Senate, but this he is loth to do. Whatever course Mr. Wanamaker may decide upon Mr. Quay will have much to do with the selection of his successor and it is probable that Magee will be the man. will be the man.

WOMEN SAW MEN FLOGGED.

Unusual Visitors in Delaware at the Quarterly Whipping-Post Day. WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 12.-Five negroes and four white men were whipped at Newcastle on Saturday for various offences and one negro stood for an hour in the pillory.

There were between two and three hundred persons present, an unusual number for the winter whippings. A feature of the crowd was the presence of about twenty-five women, all of whom save three or four were white. It seldom happens on Dec. 21. She was in the dry dock 78 days, that a woman is seen at the quarterly whippings and the presence of so large a number on Saturday caused comment. Most of the women were accompanied by men, and Sheriff

his relatives and went to the Broadway Hotel to wait for the sailing of the steamer. On Saturday night he went up to the Tenderloin and last night he appeared at the West Thirtieth street police station and told the sergeant

the story of his wanderings. "I met two girls in the Tivoli." he said, "and went home with them. I woke up the next

STEINITZ SENT TO WARD'S ISLAND. Chess Champion Takes His Pocket Chess Board to the Asylum.

moved yesterday to the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane. He was taken from his home at 165 East 103d street on the night of Feb. 8 to Harlem Hospital suffering under the hallucination that he was a victim of numberless electrical ne was a victim of numberiess electrical shocks. Since then he had been in Bellevie. Mrs. Steinitz said that she could not afford to send him to a private institution.

Steinitz was allowed to take with him to Ward's Island a small pocket chess board. At Believie he worked out problems in chess whenever he was not bothered by his hallucination. He is 62 years old, and the physicians believe that his case is hopeless.

Roland Reed, the actor, was able to leave St. since he underwent an operation for the removal of a tumor a month and a half ago. He went driving in Central Park, accompanied by went driving in Central Tark, accompanied by Capt. A. H. Bush, his father-in-law. Afterward he went to Capt. Bush's house at 3-1 West 122d street, where he went over the telegrams that had been received by the family when he was first taken ill. Then he returned to the hospital. In two or three days he will undergo another operation which the surgeons say is the observe for his controler recovery.

Argentine Reciprocity Treaty Fails. Washington, Feb. 12 -Owing to the failure of the Fenate to ratify the Argentine reciprocity treaty by the 10th of the present month, the date fixed by the terms of the convention, it falls. It has been decided not to extend the ime during which ratification can take place. of one time was thought to be practicable, to other resignant treaths negotiated by a State Described with France and the firsh Indies will also be allowed to fall, as somitment of the Senate be too strongs on

Col. R. W. Thompson and the Number 9. Trues. Harre, Ind., Feb. 12.-Col. R. W. hompson was buried to-day. Some peculiar facts about the figure rine in his life have been printed out. He was form June 9, 1800 deed let 1, 1800, which was less the anniversary of the weekling of his father and mother and of one aster, and he was (a) years old.

Special Ca'le Despatch to THE SEN

CARMAUX, France, Feb. 12.-Two thousand coal miners here have decided to go on strike.

Finest Trains, Best Track, Fastest Time between New York, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and St. Louis via Pennsylvania Railroad.—Adv. GOV. ROOSEVELT DECLINES

DECLARES THAT HE IS NOT A CANDLO DATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT. Under No Circumstances," He Says,

"Could I or Would I Accept the Nome ination"-He Adds That Platt Cordially Acquiesces in His View of the Matter. ALBANY, Feb. 12.-Gov. Roosevelt this afternoon made a public announcement that he would not accept the Republican nomination for Vice-President. The following typewritten

statement regarding his position upon this

question was given out by the Governor at the Executive Chamber. "In view of the continued statement in the press that I may be urged as a candidate for Vice-President, and in view of the many letters that reach me advising for and against such a course, it is proper for me to state definitely that under no circumstances could I or would I accept the nomination for the Vice-Presidency. It is needless to say how deeply I appreciate the honor conferred upon me by the mere desire to place me in so high and dignified a position. But it seems to me clear that at the present time my duty is here in the State whose people chose me to be Governor. Great problems have been faced and are being partly solved in

sire, I hope that the work thus begun I may help carry to a successful conclusion. Gov. Roosevelt had nothing to add to his formal statement except that in answer to an inquiry he announced that as regards the Vice-Presidency he was happy to state that Senator Platt cordially acquiesced in his view of the matter.

this State at this time; and if the people so de-

GEN. DRAPER NOT A CANDIDATE. The Ambassador to Rome Not Seeking the

Vice-Presidential Nomination. HOPEDALE, Mass., Feb. 12.- Ambassador William F. Draper is not a candidate for the nomination as Vice-President on the Republican ticket. In view of the recurrence of the lican ticket. In view of the recurrence of the story that he was likely to receive the nomination a citizen of Hopedale wrote to him at Rome, directing his attention to the printed reports. He has received the following reply:

"DEAR SIR:—In reply to your letter of Jan. 3. Gen. Draper authorizes me to say that while fully appreciating the compliment which many people have paid him in mentioning his name in connection with the Vice-Presidency, he is not a candidate for that office. Very truly yours,

"ROME, Jan. 26. Secretary of Embassy."

DRYDOCKING PLYMOUTH, \$46,800.

Fall River Line Gets a Big Bill-Seventyeight Days at \$600 a Day.

The Fall River Line received yesterday a bill for the docking of the steamboat Plymouth in the sectional dry dock at Erie Basin, controlled by the J. N. Robins dry dock combination. The Plymouth went on the rocks near Throgg's Neck on Dec. 18, and was put in the dry dock on Dec. 21. She was in the dry dock 78 days, and the bill is \$600 a day, or a total of \$46,800 for docking aione. Other repairs and the scraping of the vessel's bottom brought the entire bill up to over \$50,000.

"You see, it's a combination," said Supt. Nickerson of the Fall River Line, yesterday, and it is a question either of paying what is asked or don't dock. I hope that there will soon be some relief from this situation, and I understand that another corporation is shortly to build another dry dock. If they do, the rate is bound to be cut."

TWO-MILLION ROCKEFELLER GIFT. Likely to be Announced at Chicago University Alumni Dinner.

The Executive Committee of the New York Alumni Association of Chicago University met yesterday at the Hotel Manhattan to make arrangements for the annual dinner of the alumni in March. Among the guests at the dinner will be John D. Rocketeller and President Harrer. Four years ago Mr. Rocketeller Sergt. Reibe, From Cuba, Made Acquaintances in the Tivoli and Is Out \$100.

Sergt. Max Reibe of the United States cavalry arrived in this city from Cuba on Satur lay morning on a six months' leave of absence. He intended to go on a visit to Hungary to see his relatives and went to the Broadway Hotel

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TWO ROBBERS LOOT A BANK.

They Hold Up a Cashier and a Young Woman at Las Cruces, N. M., and Get \$3.000. EL Paso, Tex., Feb. 12.-B. C. Bowman, a morning and I found the girls gone, and with banker at Las Cruces, N. M., telephoned to this morning and I found the girls gone, and with them my \$400, which had been in my inside pocket. I would know the girls again."

Detectives Sheehan and Lockwood went to the Tivoil with him and he pointed out two girls. There was great excitement in the place when the detectives put the girls under arrest. At the station they said they were Amelia Salma Bermann. The latter refused to give her address. The girls protested their innocence of robbing Reibe, but as he was positive in his identification they were locked up.

Reibe said that he would postpone his trip to Europe long enough to prosecute the girls. No tered the bank, covering Cashler Freeman and the woman bookkeeper with six-shooters. The cashler was forced to open the safe and the men took all available cash. They then quietly left the building with the warning to those within to keep quiet. Mounting their horses they rode toward the Organ Mountains, fifteen miles away.

Twenty minutes later Sheriff Pat Garrett and five deputies took the trail and it is believed that the robbers will be rounded up in a shere time.

SEVEN BURNED TO DEATH.

A Mother and Six of Her Children Perished and Only One of the Family Escaped. PETERSPURG, Va., Feb. 12.—The house of Martha Smith, in Sussex county, near Stony Creek, was destroyed by fire on Saturday right and she and six of her children were burned to death. Only one member of the family, a boy, escaped, and he did so by jump-ing from a two-story window. How the fire originated is not known, but it is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. The seven bodies were found yesterday morning in the ruins of the house.

TO FORTIFY CAPE HENRY.

Defences of Chesapeake Bay Which Will Give Protection to Washington. NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 12.-The passage by the Virginia Legislature to-day of an act permitting the general Government to acquire land in Princess Anne County is treliminary to the erection at Cape Henry of fortifications, the guns of which will command the entrance to Chesapeake law and prevent hostile ships from approaching Washington. Baltimore, Kichmond and the other cities about Hampton Roads. A topographical survey of the land about the Care was completed by the Government engineers on Feb. 1.

SAVED FROM DISSECTION.

Mrs. Henry Rescued Her Husband's Body From the Yale Medical School.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 12.—Word was sent to Mrs. Mary Henry of Naugatuck, Conn., to-day that her husband was deal in this city. She hadn't been living with bim for fourteen years because of his irregular habits. She came here to litentify the remains, and was shocked by discovering in it the beety had been sent to the Yole. Medical School for dissection. An investigation was made and it was fortunately discovered that the body had not yet been operated upon. The was therefore able to rescue it. Heavy died from exposure, and no

LAUNCH IDA BELLE LOWNDES SAFE, Towed Into Georgetown, S. C., With Her

Spars Cone and Engines Disabled. CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 12 - The gas hunch Ida Belle Lown fes, with Thomas J. Madge and crew, from New York, has arrived sately at Georgetown. Some apprehension had been

felt for her safety.

The launch was towed in by a tux. Her spars were gone and her engines were disabled. The crew had a rough time at sea, but refused help trom passing ships and fought it out until the engines got disabled. The arrival of the task was timely.